

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A special service mailing assembly to deliver a mailpiece requiring delivery by a special service, the assembly comprising:

a label having a front side and a backside opposite to the front side wherein the front side is juxtaposed to the backside wherein the label includes a return postcard wherein the return postcard has a periphery defined by exterior sides and further wherein the return postcard has a designator section indicative of the special service wherein the designator section is contained completely within the exterior sides that define the periphery of the return postcard wherein the designator section and the return postcard are printed with an article identification number wherein the article identification number in the designator section and the article identification number in the return postcard are the same number and further wherein the front side and the backside of the label include shading of a single first color and printing of the single same color as the first color wherein the single first color is indicative of the special service.

Claim 2 (original): The assembly of Claim 1 further comprising:

a first anchor portion associated with the label removably attached to the return postcard wherein the first anchor portion has an adhesive on a backside of the first anchor portion.

Claim 3 (original): The assembly of Claim 2 further comprising:

a backing strip disposed over the adhesive on the backside of the first anchor portion.

Claim 4 (previously presented): The assembly of Claim 1 further comprising:

a printer track strip removably attached via a perforated tear line to the label extending outside one of the exterior sides of the return postcard wherein the printer track strip includes a hole.

Claim 5 (previously presented): The assembly of Claim 1 wherein the label has a hole disposed therein.

Claim 6 (original): The assembly of Claim 1 wherein the label has a width defined between a first end and a second end wherein the first end includes holes disposed therein.

Claim 7 (original): The assembly of Claim 1 further comprising:

an area within the designator section that has a machine readable code.

Claim 8 (original): The assembly of Claim 1 further comprising:

a second anchor portion attached to the return postcard wherein the second anchor portion has an adhesive on a backside of the anchor portion.

Claim 9 (currently amended): A method for preparing a mailpiece for delivery by one of a plurality of special services, the method comprising the steps of:

providing a label having a front side and a backside opposite to the front side wherein the label includes a return postcard integrally formed with a designator section indicative of one of the plurality of special services wherein the return postcard is a single layer wherein the designator section is contained completely within exterior sides that define the return postcard wherein the front side of the label includes shading of a single first color and printing of the single same color as the first color wherein the backside includes indicia and abuts the front side wherein the single first color of the shading or the printing is indicative of one of the plurality of special services;

providing at least one anchor portion indicative of one of the plurality of special services on an exterior side of the return postcard wherein the anchor portion has a backside and further wherein the backside of the anchor portion includes an adhesive;

removing a backing strip disposed over the adhesive; and

attaching the label to a mailpiece to effect delivery by one of the plurality of special services.

Claim 10 (original): The method of Claim 9 further comprising the step of:

providing a hole in the label.

Claim 11 (previously presented): The method of Claim 9 further comprising the steps of:

printing information on the return postcard relating to delivery of the mailpiece by a special service.

Claim 12 (original): The method of Claim 9 further comprising the step of:

providing a printer tracking strip removably attached to the anchor portion.

Claim 13 (original): A special service mailing assembly comprising:

a plurality of labels removably attached continuously wherein each label has a front side and a back side and further wherein the label includes a return postcard and a designator section indicative of a special service wherein the designator is contained within the exterior sides that define the return postcard; and

a printer track strip associated with each label wherein the printer tracking strip includes a first hole and further wherein each label has a second hole.

Claim 14 (original): The assembly of Claim 13 further comprising:

a first anchor portion removably associated with each label removably attached to each return postcard wherein the first anchor portion has an adhesive on a backside of the first anchor portion.

Claim 15 (original): The assembly of Claim 14 further comprising:

a strip disposed over the adhesive on the backside of the first anchor portion.

Claim 16 (original): The assembly of Claim 13 wherein the second hole on each label is capable of being sensed by a printer.

Claim 17 (original): The assembly of Claim 13 further comprising:

an area within each designator section that has a machine readable code.

Claim 18 (original): The assembly of Claim 13 further comprising:

a second anchor portion associated with each label wherein the second anchor portion has an adhesive on a backside of the anchor portion.

Claim 19 (original): The assembly of Claim 13 further comprising:

a tear line disposed between each label to aid in the removal of each label from the assembly.

Claim 20 (original): The assembly of Claim 13 further wherein the second hole is adjacent the tracking strip.

Claim 21 (previously amended): A special service mailing assembly comprising:

a label having a front side and a backside wherein the label includes a return postcard and a designator section indicative of a special service wherein the designator is contained within exterior sides that define the return postcard and further wherein the label includes shading and printing wherein the shading and printing are a single color and further wherein the assembly has a hole disposed therein.

Claim 22 (previously amended): A special service mailing assembly comprising:

a label having a front side and a backside wherein the label includes a return postcard and a designator section indicative of a special service wherein the designator is contained within exterior sides that define the return postcard and further wherein the label includes shading and printing wherein the shading and printing are a single color and further wherein the label has a width defined between a first end and a second end wherein the first end includes holes disposed therein.

Claim 23 (previously amended): A method for preparing a mailpiece for delivery by a special service, the method comprising the steps of:

providing a label having a front side and a back side wherein the label includes a return postcard and a designator section indicative of a special service wherein the designator is contained within exterior sides that define the return postcard and further wherein the label includes shading and printing wherein the shading and printing are a single color;

providing at least one anchor portion on an exterior side of the return postcard wherein the anchor portion has a backside and further wherein the backside of the anchor portion includes an adhesive;

removing a backing strip disposed over the adhesive;

attaching the label to a mailpiece to effect delivery by a special service; and

providing a hole in the label.

Claim 24 (currently amended): A special service mailing assembly comprising:

a label having a front side and a backside wherein the label includes a return postcard integrally formed with a designator section indicative of a special service wherein the return postcard is a single sheet wherein the designator section is contained completely within exterior sides that define the return postcard and further wherein the label includes shading of a single first color and printing of the single same color ~~as the first color~~ wherein the label has only a single hole disposed therein.

Claim 25 (currently amended): A special service mailing assembly for delivery of a mailpiece by a special service, the assembly comprising:

a label having a front side and a backside wherein the label has a width defined between a first end and a second end wherein the first end includes holes disposed therein and wherein the label includes a return postcard having a periphery defined by exterior sides wherein the return postcard is integrally formed with a designator section indicative of the special service wherein the return postcard is a single sheet wherein the designator section is contained completely within the exterior sides that define the periphery of the return postcard wherein the designator section has an article identification number and further wherein the label

includes shading of a single first color and printing of the single same color as the first color.

Claim 26 (currently amended): A method for preparing a mailpiece for delivery by a special service, the method comprising the steps of:

providing a label having a front side and a back side juxtaposed to the front side wherein the label includes a return postcard integrally formed with a designator section indicative of a special service wherein the designator is contained completely within exterior sides that define the return postcard and further wherein the label includes shading of a single first color and printing of the single same color as the first color;

providing at least one anchor portion on an exterior side of the return postcard wherein the anchor portion has a front side having an article tracking number wherein the anchor portion has a backside and further wherein the backside of the anchor portion includes an adhesive;

removing a backing strip disposed over the adhesive;

attaching the label to a mailpiece to effect delivery by a special service; and

providing a hole in the label.